

# **News Release**

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#### **USAIG Adds World-Class Safety Initiatives to Performance Vector Program**

NEW YORK, NY (Nov. 17, 2015) – No matter what support turbine operators need to reinforce their safety programs, they will find a USAIG Performance Vector initiative to match their specific requirement.

USAIG, one of the world's leading aviation-specific insurance providers, continually upgrades its Performance Vector suite of safety programs to keep pace with changes and improvements in aviation safety protocols. The forward-looking Performance Vector portfolio offers insights, strategies and specific practical steps for USAIG-insured operators of turbine aircraft. Eligible policyholders can choose annually from a range of safety-enhancing programs and services delivered by the industry's leading providers.

This year, three new Performance Vector programs expand insured operators' choices.

- Aviation Performance Solutions' Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT).
- National Air Transportation Association's (NATA) Safety 1<sup>st</sup> package of safety-focused online training.
- Pulsar Informatics' Fleet Insight fatigue risk-management system.

"These three world-class safety initiatives perfectly complement and expand options for our insured operators who are looking for programs that fill in gaps in their safety preparations or reinforce existing safety protocols," says David McKay, USAIG President and CEO. "All of these initiatives address issues at the forefront of current aviation safety efforts."

Turbine operators will have the opportunity at this year's National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) convention in Las Vegas to learn more about all three new Performance Vector partners. On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17, from 2 p.m.-3 p.m., representatives from APS, NATA and Pulsar Informatics will be at USAIG Booth N5730 to answer questions about their programs.

Performance Vector offers two UPRT training options from Aviation Performance Solutions (APS). Option 1 is a two-day, three-flight course that includes eight hours of classroom instruction covering issues such as stall and upset dynamics, prevention and recovery techniques and spin awareness and recovery. The three flights are flown in an Extra 300L high-performance aerobatic aircraft. Option 2 is a business jet upset training mobile application incorporating an eight-module elearning curriculum as well as additional tools.

The NATA Safety 1<sup>st</sup> initiative adds eight courses to the existing list of elearning courses. The elearning option lets operators assemble a five-course learning package from a diverse list of online safety training. The NATA courses include professional line-service training, ramp safety, deicing and more.

Pulsar Informatics offers two new Performance Vector options. The fatigue risk management and training package helps operators determine their fatigue risk management baseline, then delivers fatigue training through three separate webinars

designed for management, operational personnel and maintenance technicians, respectively. An alternate package includes a year's subscription to the Fleet Insight web and Fatigue Meter mobile apps. Up to five safety managers or schedulers may use these resources to evaluate fatigue across the entire operation.

Performance Vector programs meet aviation regulatory requirements, accreditation protocols and industry recommended standards such as FAA, IS-BAO, NBAA's Certified Aviation Manager program, and ICAO. Eligibility for additional Performance Vector services refreshes upon each policy renewal.

#### **About USAIG**

United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG) provides a full spectrum of coverage options for owners, operators, manufacturers and maintainers of corporate, private and commercial aircraft. In 1928, our founders – World War I pilots and businessmen David Beebe and Reed Chambers – saw the need for an insurance company that truly understood aviation. We remain a world aviation insurance leader delivering innovative, custom-tailored insurance products and services, including Performance Vector safety programs and Performance Vector PLUS good experience returns. United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc. manages USAIG, maintaining the industry's largest network of underwriting and field claims offices. USAU's wholly owned subsidiary, Toronto-based Canadian Aviation Insurance Managers manages the Canadian Aircraft Insurance Group insurance pool. USAIG is a subsidiary of General Re Corporation, a Berkshire Hathaway company. Follow us on Twitter @USAIG\_CAIG, Facebook & LinkedIn. usaig.com

## **About Pulsar Informatics**

Founded in 2001, Pulsar Informatics, Inc. develops state-of-the-art technology for assessing behavioral alertness in research and operational settings. Their tools help individuals and organizations achieve peak performance and reduce fatigue-related risk. <u>pulsarinformatics.com</u>

### **About APS**

Aviation Performance Solutions (APS), headquartered at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona, trains thousands of professional pilots and instructors in comprehensive upset prevention and recovery training skill development. APS provides integrated LOC-I solutions via industry-leading computer-based, on-aircraft (jet and piston), and full-flight simulator upset prevention and recovery training (UPRT). All training is in full compliance with the Airplane Upset Recovery Training Aid – Revision 2, FAA Advisory Circular 120-109 on Stall and Stick Pusher Training, ICAO Manual on Aeroplane Upset Prevention and Recovery Training, Guidance Material and Best Practices for the Implementation of Upset Prevention and Recovery Training, and the FAA Advisory Circular 120-111 on Upset Prevention and Recovery Training. APS is the only Part 141 Flight School certified in the delivery of complete upset prevention and recovery, stall/spin and instrument upset recovery training courses worldwide. With additional training locations in Dallas (USA), The Netherlands (Europe) and the Saudi Arabia (Middle East), APS provides global access to the highest quality upset prevention and recovery training available. apstraining.com.

## **About NATA**

Founded in 1940, the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) is the leading organization representing aviation service businesses such as fixed base operators, charter providers, maintenance and repair organizations, flight training, airline service companies and aircraft management companies, including those supporting fractional shareholders.

NATA's mission is to empower its members to be safe and successful aviation businesses. <a href="mailto:nata-com">nata.com</a>